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SENATOR DWORAK: And they changed it to 12 months.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That's correct.

SENATOR DWORAK: We're saying that the federal government shouldn't have changed it to 12 months, but should have kept it at six months?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, we're not saying that at all. We're saying that Nebraskans should be eligible at six months.

SENATOR DWORAK: But the federal government usurped that and said we should be eligible at the end of a year.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: That's the standard they established to be eligible for their assistance, for SSI funds.

SENATOR DWORAK: OK.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: The question before us is whether we would like to continue age, blind, disabled assistance at the prior standard.

SENATOR DWORAK: So then we'd be treating it and we'd be putting the Department of Welfare Let me ask this question. Does the Department of Welfare administer SSI for the federal government?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: No, no. Social Security Administration.

SENATOR DWORAK: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis. Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I wonder if Senator Cavanaugh would yield to a question?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR RUMERY: Do you have a record there of what the State of Nebraska has been paying in as compared to what we'll pay in under this new amendment? The State of Nebraska has been making some contributions for this work, as I understand it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Under SSI?

SENATOR RUMERY: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I did have, and I don't have right now Senator Rumery, what our contribution was prior to it being taken over by SSI.

SENATOR RUMERY: Do you have those figures?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I can't find those figures this morning.